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SOME DATA ON USSR FORESTRY, TIMBER, PAPER AND
WOOD-PROCESSING INDUSTRIES, AS OF FEBRUARY 1952

GEORGIAN FORESTS CONTAIN VALUABLE SPECIES OF TREES -- Tbilisi, Zarya Vostoka,
 27 Feb 52

Forests in the Georgian SSR occupy an area of about 2,760,000 hectares,
 or more than one third of the republic. The forests contain 360 different
 kinds of trees and bushes including many valuable species such as chestnut
 (*Castanea sativa*), yew (*Taxus*), elm (*Ulmus densa*), walnut (*Juglans*), box
 (*Buxus sempervirens*), hop hornbeam (*Ostrya carpinifolia*), Zelkova (*Zelkova*
crenata), bamboo (*Bambusa*), eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus*), cork oak (*Quercus suber*),
 and others.

In 1951, planting of new forests was carried out on 7,100 hectares.
 Soil tests were made, and prophylactic measures against fungus diseases of
 tree roots and against rodents were taken on areas totaling 45,864 hectares.

MECHANIZED LOGGING INCREASES IN USSR -- Moscow, Pravda, 6 Feb 52

In 1951, as compared with 1950, mechanized felling and skidding increased
 1.7 times at enterprises of the Ministry of Timber Industry USSR, mechanized
 loading 2.2 times, and mechanized haulage 1.2 times.

In 1951, haulage of industrial timber increased 17 percent, as compared
 with 1950.

ARMENIAN SSR LOGS OVER 200,000 CUBIC METERS ANNUALLY -- Yerevan, Kommunist,
 12 Feb 52

The Ministry of Timber Industry Armenian SSR fells about 100,000 cubic
 meters of industrial timber and firewood annually. Somewhat more than this

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amount is felled by all other logging organizations in the republic, including the Ministry of Forestry Armenian SSR, which fells unsound and dying trees in the forests under its supervision.

LENINGRAD OBLAST EXCEEDS LOGGING, WOOD PRODUCTS PLANS -- Leningradskaya Pravda, 8 Feb 52

The enterprises of the Ministry of Timber Industry USSR located in Leningrad City and Leningrad Oblast met the 1951 gross-production plan 106 percent; those of the Ministry of Paper and Wood-Processing Industry USSR similarly located met the plan 104 percent.

In comparison with 1950, timber haulage by the principal logging organizations rose 7 percent, plywood production 20 percent, paper output 16 percent, and cellulose production 18 percent.

In comparison with 1950, mechanized felling increased 33 percent, mechanized skidding 55 percent, and mechanized haulage 20 percent.

MOSCOW OBLAST EXCEEDS LOGGING, WOOD PRODUCTS PLANS -- Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 6 Feb 52

The enterprises of the Ministry of Timber Industry USSR located in Moscow City and Moscow Oblast met the 1951 gross-production plan 107 percent; those of the Ministry of Paper and Wood-Processing Industry USSR so located also met the gross-production plan 107 percent.

ARMENIAN FURNITURE FACTORY COMPLETES ELECTRIC DRY KILN -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 27 Feb 52

Assembly of a dry kiln operating on high-frequency electric current has been completed at the Arabkir Furniture Factory, Ministry of Timber Industry Armenian SSR. Tests show that electric drying of wood has great advantages over air and steam drying in both speed of operation and quality of product.

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